PUBLIC MEETINGS.

POLICE COMMISSIONERS. TRIAL OF GEN. SUPERINTENDENT TALLMADGE.

The Police Commissioners met yesterday afternoon at geckek, Gen. Nye in the chair, and Messrs. Bowen, Stilman, Stranahan, Tiemann and Powell present. Gen. Tallmadge entered soon after two, when Gen.

Now with a smile extended his hand, and inquired How are you to-day, General? Glad to see you." Mr. Tallmadge took his hand and a seat at the same

Mr. Tracy, partner of W. C. Noves, esq., appeared as counsel for the General Superintendent, and read the charges and specifications and answer to the

charges, as follows:

Charges: In obedience to the resolution of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners, I present the following charge against the General Superintendent of Police in and for the Metropolitan Police

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District: Neglect of Duly.
Specifications: I. In that he did not repair in person
to the Quarantine on the morning of the second of
September (when notified by Captain Weed that several of the public hospitals had been fired by a mob),
as required to do by section 45 of the Rules and Regulations of the Department.

Lin that the said General Superintendent did not
on the morning of September the second, direct patro
men to be stationed at Quarantine to protect the public hospitals which had not been fired.

JAMES W. NYE.

GEO. W. EMEREE, Chief Clerk of Board. To the Hon, the Board of the Metropolitan Police Commis-

The subscriber answers the charge and specifications exhibited against him, a copy of which was served upon him or the 16th of September, justant, as follows:

First: In relation to the first specification he saith:

That he thereupon made the necessary arrangements to order such force as the Commissioners of Emigration should require him to send to the Quarantne Station for the purpose, and intended to accompany them himself; that he remained at the office of the General Superintendent from the time of receiving such communication until 6 o'clock in the evening, for the purpose of receiving the requisition from the Commissioners of Emigration, but that none was received; that at about 7 o'clock in the evening, at the direction of his Honer the Mayor, he gave an order to send a force of 60 men there, but that within a few moments, upon his Honer being informed by the Collector of the Port that he had sent a force of 100 marines there for the protection of the establishment, he informed the subscriber that the force sont by the Collector would be sufficient, and render it unnecessary that any policebe sufficient, and render it unnecessary that any police-men should be sent there, and the subscriber there-upon revoked the order, confidently believing that the

merines would furnish all the protection necessary.

The subscriber therefore submits that the circumstances of the case did not impose upon him any duty of semiing a police force to Quarantine on the morning of the 2d inst., and that with the facts existing he would have erred in sending a force there after day-light without notice of some new emergency requiring it, or the requisition of the Commissioners of Emi-gration.

F. A. Tallmador.

Capt. Weed of the Second Ward, sworn-1 am In-spector of the Second Precinct; have been such since the 1st of January last; was in command of that Precinct on the 1st of September; between the hours of two and four o'clock, on the morning of September 2d, I discovered a light and supposed it came from a fire on Staten Island; I was then in Broadway between the Park and Pearl streets; the Deputy Superintendent. Mr. Carpenter, was with me; we can to this place (General Office) directly; when we can to this place General Office) directly; which we came here there were two persons here, members of the force, direct from Quarantine; they stated to the Deputy Superintendent that the buildings at Quaran-tine had been set on fire and burned; Mr. Carpenter Deputy Supermendant that the buildings at Quarantine had been set on fire and burned. Mr. Carpenter told me to get a carrisge and proceed direct to the General Superintendent's house, and inform him of what had taken place; I did so; the General Superintendent lives at No. 35 West Thirty-first street; I informed him that there had been a fire at Quarantine, stating that the man that was with me would give him the particulars; Mr. Bogle was the man that went with me; he informed the General Superintendent of what had taken place; he told him that they had set fire to several buildings, and he had interfered to prevent the burning, and the mob attrested him and locked him up; that the Sergeant and Doctor had interfered, and had him released; the Sergeant of the force at Quarantine then directed him and three others to take a boat and come to this city; he did so, and came directly to the Deputy's office; the General Superintendent than spoke of some means of getting a boat to take the forces there; the Hamilton Ferry steamboat was spoken of, and also small boats for the purpose of rowing down; I told the General Superintendent that I did not know of any better way of getting them down than by the 6 of cinck boat in the morning; he concluded that that would be as early as he could get the men together, and told me to say to the Deputy Superintendent—Illere the Mayor said that he and Mayor Powell would teld me to say to the Deputy Superintendent— re the Mayor said that he and Mayor Powell would have to be present at a meeting of the Commissioners of Emegration, but they would be here when the case was disposed of. No objection being raised, they retired.] Witness resumed: he Gen. Talimadge told me to say to the Doputy Superintendent to have from 50 to 100 men ready to go down on the 6 o'clock morning boat; nothing more was said, except the General Superintendent said he would be down early in the Superintendent said he would be down early in the Superintendent said he would be down early in the Superintendent said he would be down early in the Superintendent said he would be down early in the Superintendent said he would be down early in the Superintendent said he would be superintendent.

morning, I reported to the Deputy Superintendent as directed by Mr. Tallmadge; the Deputy Superinten-dent telegraphed to some half dozen Station-House-or more to have the men in readiness until further orders; this was a little past 4 o'clock; I left then; no

or more to have the men in readiness until further orders; this was a little past 4 o'clock; I left then; no requisition was made upon me for men, only to hold the men in readiness till 11 o'clock, when an order came to dismiss the reserve; I think it came from the Deputy Superintendent; I was not at the General Othice in the merning; the General Superintendent said nothing to me of the danger of sending mento Quarantine; I have stated all that occurred.

Cross-Examined—I was not at head-quarters at all that day; the officer from Quarantine said they the mobi had fired all the buildings, except one or two, when he came away; I don't remember that he said anything about what mischief might be done by daylight; I think the General said, from the discription all the mischief had been done that could be; the General and I supposed that the mob would disperse at daylight; Mr. Bogle said the Hamilton ferry-boat ran all right, and we might charter that; we concluded, however, that 6 o clock was the earliest moment at which the men could be got together; I understood Bogle to say that the mob began to fire the buildings soon after 9 o clock at night; it was somewhere after 3 o'clock when we left the General Superintendent's house; could not say how long we stayed there; we returned at once to the Deputy's office. I think that was a little after 1; all the police force were on duty with the procession the preceding day and evening, till the firemen's procession was over; it was a hard day's duty; whether the General had been on duty or

with the procession the preceding day and evening till the firements procession was over; it was a hard day's duty; whether the General had been on duty or not. I don't know; I did not see him; I saw him once in the Park in the middle of the afternoon; Boyle supposed there was from one to two thousand men in the mob; he said they had fire-arms; Deputy Superintendent Carpenter, being sworn, cerroborated Capt. Weed's statement as to the discovery of the fire, and their supposition that it was the Quarantine on fire. He added—We found two officers here who said the buildings had been fired by a very excited mob; that several shots had been exchanged, and one man killed; they had been forced to leave the Island, and got into their boat and rowed up The second of the strengths related control of the strengths and their appointed that it was to go all the second the strength of the strengths of the strength of the strengt

Station-Houses; I saw Mr. Commissioner Bowen in the neighborhood of 10 o'clock; I saw Mr. Stranahan and Gen. Nye, and my impression is that I saw Mr. Stillman; I did not receive any orders from them individually or collectively, except Gen. Nye's note: the only suggestion the Police Commissioners unde to me personally about Quarantine was, that two or three detectives be sent down; did not see and did not know Capt. Crabtree on that day; the last time I saw any of the Commissioners here was between I and 2 o'clock, when I left. The General Superintendent came in soon after I got the note from Gen. Nye; the General asked if I had any requisition with it; I said no; he said he had not; he told me, as I wanted to go to see my wife who was out of town sick, to go and he would stay and attend to the matter; if the General had been absent and I had received a requisition, I should have sent the men; if he had been away I can't answer if I should have sent the men without a requisition, as I did not come to had been away I can't answer if I should have sent
the men without a requisition, as I did not come to
any conclusion on that point; the General Superintendent and I might have talked over this question
previously with the General on the 37th of
August; I had a requisition from the Health
Officer for ten men; I got it in the evening
in the absence of the General I telegraphed for them
and told them to meet me at the 7 ocicels
boat; they did so, and I met them and
gave them orders to report to Dr. Thompson; subsequently I got a note from one of the men in command
of the squad, saying that no provision for the feeding
or lodging of the men had been made; they were
wasted there to prevent people from escaping from

or lodging of the men had been made; they were wanted there to prevent people from escaping from Quarastine; learning that Dr. Thompson had not and would not provide for them, and that they had to pay \$\frac{1}{2}\tilde{5}\tilde{a}\ day for food and lodging. I ordered them to return, after they had been four days there.

To Gen. Nye—Had the General Superintendent been absent that morning, what would you have done?

A. I felt much like going down when I saw the men from Staten Island; as I felt at the time I think I should have been rash enough to have gone down without orders, yet I might not have done so.

Ezekiel S. Halstead sworm—I reside \$\frac{1}{2}\tilde{4}\tilde{4}\tilde{4}\tilde{6}\tilde{6}\tilde{6}\tilde{4}\tilde{6}\tilde{6}\tilde{6}\tilde{6}\tilde{6}\tilde{4}\tilde{4}\tilde{6}\tilde{

without orders, yet I might not have done so.

Ezekiel S. Halstead, sworn—I reside åt Mamaroneck; I do business in this city: I read of the burning of the buildings in the morning papers; I know Mr. Tallimadge; I saw him twice on the day of the 2d of Sept., first between 12 and 2 o'clock, in front of the Astor House, and again between 5 and 5½ n. m., in one of the 4th avenue cars; he got on with Mr. Breevort somewhere on the route; I sook the cars at Centre and Chambers streets about 5 o'clock; lett our store in Murray street at 5 minutes to 5 o clock, and went right to the cars; I can't say where they got on; the cars were full; when we were half way up. Mr. Breevort took a soat beside me; whilst there an elderly gentleman, whom I don't know, asked the General whether he had received any information from Staten Island; he said he had not; he wanted to know whether there was any likelihood of the Police having to go down there; the General said he thought not; after that the conversation turned upon the dinner at the Metropolitan Hotel; the train that I took from 27th-st, leaves at 5; 9.

Crosservammed—I mentioned this conversation, I

COMMISSIONERS OF HEALTH SHORTENING OF THE QUARANTINE TIME.
OSDAY, Sept. 20.—The Health Commissioners met
noon to-day. Present, the Mayor, Drs. Thomp-

at noon to-day. Present, the Mayor, Drs. Thompson, Rockwell and Miller.

Dr. Thompson reported that the bark Harvest and the brig Times had each rode out the quarantine prescribed by statute and by the regulations of this Board. They had each discharged cargo, and no effects were spared to cleanse them. Judging them to be free from infection, he recommended that they be allowed to proceed to the city. This was concurred in.

The Mayor submitted another plan for a Quarantine in the lower bay, signed by an "Old Citizen. Its principal feature is a circular harbor. It was thought a good plan, but would cost foo much.

The Mayor suggested that the time for shortening the stay of vessels at Quarantine had probably arrived.

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Dr. Thompsos moved that all vessels from New-Orleans and Charleston arriving with sickness be detained eight days for ventilation and observation, those without sickness four days. This was adopted.

[It shortens the time more than half.]

The restrictions concerning New-Orleans and Havana essels at Quarantine, were thrown off. The Board ill hereafter act on each case seperately.

The steamers Columbia, Parkersburg, and others.

The steamers Columbia, Parkersburg, and others, from Savannah, were allowed to come up.
Dr. Thomssos said he had received a dispatch from the Health Officer of Savannah, stating that there had been to cases there except sporadic or accidental.
The New-Orleans and Charleston steamers that had been lying at Quarantine, excepting the Atlanta, were allowed stream permits.

The petition of the steamer Atlanta to go to the Navy Yard was referred to the Health Officer for a report.

The brig Zone from Sagua is allowed to proceed eight days after discharging cargo. A number of other vessels which had served out their time were

allowed permits.

The steamer Black Warrior from New-Orleans and Havana on Monday morning applied to come up. She had not taken any passengers from New-Orleans. Her passengers were all Cubans. It was ordered that they come up after ventilating their luggage, and that the steamer discharge at Quarantine.

The Mayor sent a report to a Committee of the Chamber of Commerce regarding the rates of light-

erage, &c. Mayon's Orrice, New-York, Sop. 15, 1828.
To Royal Philips and others, Committee of Chamber of Con-

To Reyal Phelps and others, Committee of Commerce.

GENTLEMEN: In compliance with your request I have carefully examined into the proceeding of the Health Officer and Commissioners of Health relative to the light-rage and displaying of infested cargoes at Quarantine, with a view to ascertain whether the compliants made to your Board respecting the same are well founded or not. In explanation and double of these compliants and of others which have been made relative to business turnsactions there, several sworm statements have been presented to me, made by persons employed at Quarantine, showing a history of their employment and the various prices that specified are not those actually charged, or that the prices the specified are not those actually charged, or that the prices that the sworm statements that where the sworm statements thus submittee to me as well for the purpose of showing a mode of transacting various kinds of business at Quarantine, as to put your in possession of facts which, in connection with others to which I shall presently refer the compliants which have been made to your Board.

Under the Quarantine laws of the State the selection of lightermen and stevedores for discharging interest cargoes, devolves in the first instance upon the Health Officer of the Pott. From his orders and decisions, an appeal may be taken by those agrieved to the Mayor and Commissioners of the State the selection of the potternia to the several of the present Quarantine season, selected a person to take the general charge of the discharge of non-infected vessels. Some time after such selections were made, some of the owners and commissioners of the safe to the person to take the general charge of the discharge of one does not him by the at the commissioners of the safe vessels applied to the Health Officer of the person to take the general charge of one good from infected vessels.

contains to do their own lightering and stevedoring, so that they it employ whom they pleased, and they therefore made count to the Mayor and Commissioners of Health, that the paralreds selected for such services were charging exorbitant se for their labor. The Mayor and Commissioners consider the complaint the nature of an appeal from the decision is Health Officer, determined to investigate the matter, and dupon brim for a statement of the reasons which governed in the course he had pursued. We had the matter under or us and submitted evidence in support of their corn or us and submitted evidence in support of their corn

paid for the same class of service near the wharves of the city.

The Health Officer also presented to us the reasons which had controlled him in the course he had prised, among which were the following, viz: That his situation was such that the community would hold him in a great measure responsible for the safety of the public health, and the merchants of the city lad a right to look to him for that protection for valuable carness arriving at Quarantine which the selection of houses, oxeriolizad responsible persons to discharge the same would afford them; that, in view of this responsibility, the law had, in his judgment, very properly and justly clothed him with the power to determine who should and who should not be introsted with the possession and existed of the property of the narrohauts, and that it would be enjoyed to both him responsible for the cenduct of the presents engaged in that business if the could not control their selection; that in past years much complaint had been made at the loss of partions of valuable caraces by theft and otherwise, in consequence of the selection of improper persons to set as a stevedores and lightermen; that he believed that such losses had arisen in a great measure from the indiscriminate employ.

the evidence before them they found that the prices From the evidence before them they found that he prices has compleined of were no greater than those charged for similar services at Quarantine for several years past, and paid without complaint, that the expenses attendant spon the transaction of business at Quarantine were much greater than those realized from the same class of business transacted elsewhere. In view of the facts and the danger to life attendant upon service at Quarantine, the Board were unanimously constrained to say that the prices charged were not unreasonable; but, being desirous of lightening the burdens of Quarantine, if possible, they referred the matter to the Health Officer to see if some reduction in prices could not be made; and upon the report of that efficer 12b Board advised a reduction of the prices of the stevedores, and the stevedores, for the purpose of meeting the wishes of the merchants and the views of the Board, contactly made a reduction to the extent state in the accompanying afficial in efficir the Board advised a reduction of the prices of the stevedores, and the stevedores, for the purpose of meeting the wishes
of the merchants and the views of the Board, voluntarily made
a reduction to the extent stated in the accompanying affidavite
of George J. Deam. Some works after this investigation application was made to the Health efficient by some stevedores for
permission to chage in that business, and it was refused them.
They heretofore appealed to the Mayor and Commissioners of
Health, and alleged that the stevedores at present employed
were charging exorbitant prices for their labor, and that they
would perform the same labor as lower rares. Another was had
by the Board, and the complainants were directed to furnish a
list of the prices they proposed to charge. They did so, and,
upon examination, it was found that the list thus furnished were
no lower, but in some respects higher, than the prices complain
ed of. The complaints were therefore dismissed.

The foregoing statement contains a history of my official conmection with the matters complained of. I have no control over
the selection of the parties for the service under consideration,
or the prices charged by them, except what I may possess as a
member of the appellate tribunal I have mentioned, and I submit this statement and the accompanying afflavits with the assurrances that if after a careful examination of them, you can
satisfy me that the Board have erred in their conclusions I shall
be resely to do all in my power to remove any real grounds for
complaint that may exist.

I am very respectfully.

Your obedient servant.

D. F. TIEMANN.

The Board adjourned to Tuesday.

COMMISSIONERS OF EMIGRATION.

A special meeting of the Board was held vesterday afternoon, Mayor Powell, in the absence of Mr. Verplank, presiding, and Messrs, Carrigan, Jellinghaus, Cumning, Curtis, Purdy, Hunt, Gov. King and Mayor

The Governor stated that he had met with the The Governor stated that he had her what he Board to ascertain their views in reference to the various propositions which had been made to mest the present emergency at Quarantine. Would they erect temporary structures within the Quarantine inclosure, sufficient for the accommodation of the sick and of the physicians and officers attached to the actabilityment, or would they erect permanent frestabilityment, or would they erect permanent frestabilityment. establishment, or would they erect permanent fre-proof structures on the same site and create sufficient and on the west bank in the lower bay for the erecland on the west bank in the lower bay for the erection of warehouses for the reception of cargoes of infected vessels, permitting the Hospitals for the reception of the sick to remain where the present Quarantine is. He had told the Legislature that since Sandy Hook could not be obtained only one of two courses remained to be chosen: either to decree that the Quarantine should remain where it is, or that a Quarantine be built up in the bay. With regard to the last proposition, it was properly the duty of the Quarantine Commissioners, and not of this Board, to decide, Whatever was done, there was \$400.000 left of the Quarantine appropriation to do it with, and the only question to be decided was whether temporary or permanent structures should be erected on the present site.

Mayor Tennas' remarked that recent occurrences

Mayor Tienask remarked that recent occurrences had postponed indefinitely the question of the removal of Quarantine. He was not influenced by vindictive motives; but the principle that the supremacy of the law must be vindicated at all hazards, he would never

institution, to be located near the beach; also, a barge-house for the protection of the boats; also, the report of the old wash-house dock and wall; all of

The Committee, it will appear, has recommended the construction of the aforesaid buildings of brack. The propriety of so doing is manifest from the facts that there is plenty of old material on the ground for such purpose, and, besides, the cost of permanent and incombustible structures will be but slightly, if any, incombustible structures will be but signify, if any, more than temporary structures of wood. Since the Board directed the rebuilding of the Small-pox Hospital, it has been found that the walls of said building have fallen in, so as to make it improper to reconstruct the building without beginning from the foundation. And in view of these facts, your Committee have decided to advise not to rebuild said Hospital, but to increase to advise not to rebuild said Hospital. Out to increase the number of shantles as aforesaid to make up the deficiency in point of room. While this change will not lessen the contemplated accommodations, it will lessen the aggregate cost of construction. In relation to residences for the officers and employees of the institution, and to the repair of the wail surrounding the Quarantine ground, the Committee will report as seen as practicable.

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Existed. That the Committee on Construct on he and is table directed to proceed with the erection to building tred to in the above report forthwith, and that the same be by contract.

That the Committee he requested to report on the ermittees referred to them; that the Committee be directed any printed 250 (retains asking for proposals for the above as a sud that the Committee be arthurized to have prepared rediately plans and specifications of the work.

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The report and resolutions were adopted. The Governon expressed his satisfaction at the conduct of the Board, and his intention to support them in the course already pursued by them in the matter, and stated that he would be ready to confer

matter, and stated that he would be ready to conforwith them at all times with reference to the trusts submitted to their charge. It was

Esteleed. That the Chairman of the M. H. Committee, and Messra. Committee on Committ

Capt. Crastner informed him that the testimony ras in the hands of Mr. Devlin, counsel to the Board. Adjourned.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Monday, Sept. 29.—The Board met at the usual hour. President Clancy in the chair. A message was received from the Mayor vetoing the resolution for the improvement of the Russ payement in Broadway. A petition was received from the 5th Regiment asking for a drill-room, accompanied by a communication from the Mayor recommending that certain rooms in Essex Market be assigned the Regiment. Referred to the Committee on Repairs and Supplies.

A petition, signed by 10,40 persons, against the repeal of the ordinance in regard to the use of steam on the Fourth avenue, below Forty-second street, was received and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

A communication, addressed to the Mayor, was received from the Controller's Department, in relation to the late decision of Judge Ingraham relative to the claim of Robert H. Lowber against the City. The history of the case was given at some length in the document, and the Controller desires that proper action may be taken to let the City into a defense to save the enormous loss that must be sustained by a payment of the claim. The communication was referred to the Committee on Finance, and ordered printed at length in the minutes.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Tucker, directing the Counsel to the Corporation to institute proceedings to open the langment in favor of Robert H.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Tuckun, directing the Counsel to the Corporation to institute proceedings to open the judgment in favor of Robert H. Lawber against the City, with a view to setting the same aside. Referred to the Committee on Finance. The Committee on Roads reported in favor of fixing the exterior line, and causing the necessary surveys to be made for laying out an exterior street along the shore of the Harlem River, from the East River or Sound to the Hudson or North River. Laid over, Mr. Adams offered the following resolution:

*Resided**, That the Committee on Fire Department be directed to prepare an ordinance for the direction of steam fire engines, and for the superintendence of fire apparatus generally.

Mr. REED offered a resolution directing the Hudson Mr. REED offered a resolution directing the Hudson River Railroad Company to run small cars from Fifty-third street down to Chambers, said cars to be run every five minutes during the day, and every hour during the night. Referred.

The Committee on Repairs and Supplies reported in favor of paying John P. Garner two hundred and fifty dollars for plans and specifications for building a new City Hail. Referred.

Mr. Davis offered a resolution authorizing the Committee on Roads to procure maps of the Eighth avenue.

mittee on Roads to procure maps of the Eighth avenue, from Fifty-ninth street to One-hundred-and-twenty-fith

The Committee on Railroads presented two very lengthy reports with relation to the use of steam on the Harlem Railroad. The majority report, signed by Ald. Reed, Hoffmire and McSpedon, was in favor of the repeal of the ordinance prohibiting the use of steam below 42d-st., and the minority report, signed by Ald. Boole and Owens, was against the repeal of all of this institution, prints a letter in The Post ing its present condition. While it was closed August, Dr. C. gave it a thorough revision, and the minority report, signed by Ald. Boole and Owens, was against the repeal of and ordinance.

The question arose on the adoption of the majority report, when Mr. Bools moved to substitute the uniority report. Upon which Mr. Davis presented a series of resolutions as a substitute for both reports.

the substance of which was that the Company should be permitted to use steam down to Thirty-second street under certain restrictions, the principal one of

street under certain restrictions, the principal one of which is that the Company shall carry passengers from Twenty-seventh street to Harlem for Scents each.

Mr. Brool. presented the subjoined resolution:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby anthorized and directed to advertise for propeasis for restoring 4th Avenue between 32d and 34th streets to the regular grade, for pasing carriage way, and setting curb and gatter, and for building retaining walls on each side of tunnel, to be properly coped in, and a suitable from railing placed thereon, and sent according to the board for continuation. Referred to Finance Department.

A long debate then followed on the resolutions of Mr. Davis, which were rejected.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the minority in place of the majority report, which was lost by 7 to 8.

The question was then taken on the adoption of the majority report, when that report was adopted by the

ollowing vote: Yras-Messrs, Clancy, Reed, Hoffmire, Stephens, Tuomey, tarr, Astems, Lyons, and McSpedon-9. Navs-Messrs, Tucker, Boole, Wilmer, Bradley, Owens, and Adjourned.

TENTH WARD REPUBLICANS. At a meeting of the Teuth Ward Republican Associ-ation, held Sept. 17, the following resolutions, on mo-tion of Wm. Allen, were unanimously adopted:

Resided. That we most cordular approve the nomination of davin D. Morran for Governor, as well as all the others on the taste taket, and do hereby pedge in them our misted and most incomes experience to see the triumpant election. Proofeed. That we expressly desire a mister of all the opportunity of the Lecompton Democracy on our County, Congressional and ther isominations, and will use our best endeavors to effect this bleet.

MISTERIOUS MURDER IN NEWARK .- A mysterious and cold-blooded murder occurred about 7 o'clock on Sunday evening in Newark, New-Jersey. The victim was an Irish woman named Ana McMahon, wife of Peter McMahon, residing in Chambers street, in the Fifth Ward, who was shot down by an unknown assassin while leaving the residence of a neighbor. It appears that Mrs. McMahon went into the adjoining residence of a relative, Kurtzendorfer, where she remained some time in the room conversing with Rurtzendorfer and his wife. According to the state ment of the latter, she got up about 7 o'clock to put her children to bed up stairs, and Aan McMahon was about to go out and leave for home. The entrance to the house was into a small hall about three feet square, leading by a deer into the room where they had been sitting, and also up stairs. Mrs. Kurtzendorfer had proceeded up stairs, and Aan McMahon was in the hall, when two pistol shots were fired through the open door into the hall, each taking offect. Mrs. McMahon exclaimed, "Protect me?" and staggering into the room, fell dead upon the floor.

Kurtzendorfer proceeded to the Police Office and communicated information of the event, but manifested considerable reluctance to return. He finally went, however, with the Chief, Whitney, and Officera Wannbold and Brant, but there was much mystery thrown about the affair. Kurtzendorfer and his wife. According to the state

more of the affair than they developed, and Kurtzen-dorfer, bis wife, and the husband of the murdered woman were arrested and confined separately at the Station-House.

In the mean time it was ascertained that a girl and

her mother, residing opposite, had seen a man fire a pistol twice and run off, that another person had ob-served a man with a pistol by his side in the neighborhood, and the most active exertions were made to secure his arrest. The two houses were searched, but no pistol could be found in either. Kurtzendoufer and his wife both say that they saw the man who fired

the pistol, but did not recognize him.

Coroner Grover and the Chief of Police were actively engaged this forenoon endeavoring to ferret out and suspicion points toward a relative of the family.

in that section of the city, and all the parties under arrest, as well as the murdered woman, have been frequently at the Police Station complaining of each other. They had quarreled upon every imaginable ground, but there is no particular evidence that any difficulty had taken place that day.

MORE INCENDIARISM ON STATEN ISLAND.

On Monday morning about 5 o'clock the bells of the churches in the vicinity of the Quarantine Hospital sounded the alarm of fire; it proved to be from a frame building just erected by the Castleton Board of Health, and their design was to remove the occupants of Ragpickers' row, of the infected district, into it this day. The building was in charge of Gust. Simoncoff, who says it was on fire the first he knew about it. It was located about one-third of a mile inland toward Jersey street, New-Brighton. The burning of the building is said to be for the purpose of illustrating by the speakers to-day, at Richmond, how quiet and peaceable Richmond County is, and the desirability of the military and police being recalled.

CITY ITEMS.

DR. BOYSTON'S SECOND LECTURE.-A large 80. dience was in attendance at the Cooper Institute last night, on Dr. Roynton's second lecture, when he explained and illustrated the interior condition of the earth, with the causes of volcanoes and earthquakes. The mode of formation of the crust of our globe-the laws of igneous action, by which continents and islands are elevated—the phenomena of rocks, their diversified structure and relative position—the origin and history of volcanoes-were presented in order and described with the same scientific elucidation that characterized the first lecture. The charts and pictures by which the leading facts of geology were illustrated constitute great helps to popular comprehension of the subjects treated. Those of Dr. Boynton, particularly the the pictorial views, are well adapted to the purpose. Dr. Boyuton's delivery would be more effective if it was characterized by a little less rapidity of atterance.

It may be remembered that the notorious Win. Mulligan was indicted for an assault and battery on Capt. Hiram A. Webb of California; and, after several vexations delays, the prisoner finally disappeared during the progress of his trial before Judge Russell, and in the course of the same day was seen taking "a social drink" with one of Judge Russell's favorite officers, at a tavern in the neighborhood. These facts we stated at the time, but the learned Judge could not condescend to notice them. This Mulligan surrendered himself vesterday on the same charge, and pleaded guilty. How many assaults and outrages he has committed since the finding of this present indictment, all who read our city items have ample means of ascertaining. The learned Judge told Mulligan to appear next Saturday for sentence, and we shall then either have another Lunigan case, or the majesty of the law will be vindicated. Mulligan has sworn to his confidential friends that he would rather die by his own hand than be sent to the Penitentiary. Let us see now whether the city ermine will have

the hardihood to outrage decency by merely imposing a fine, which Mulligan's friends and "fancy" assoclates are prepared to pay ten times over. An hour after Mulligan had forfeited his bail, and when five warrants for his apprehension had been issued, or were supposed to be issued, by Judge Russell, Mr. Billy and the Judge's chief Centurion were hobnobbing sociably together. Last night-a not less curious fact-Billy and the brother of the celebrated Pete Duffy Judge Russell's shadow) were all round town together, and in the best of spirits. The Judge could never be cruel from Fifty-minth street to One-hundred-and-twenty attent, showing the established and such amended grades as have been proposed or may be thought advisable to be adopted in grading said avenue. Laid visable to be adopted in grading said avenue. Laid might ruin Mulligan for life, as to "feet the faces of might ruin Mulligan for life, as to "feet the faces of might ruin form."

> THE ASTOR LIBRARY .- Dr. Cogswell, the Librarian of this institution, prints a letter in The Post explain-

> ing its present condition. While it was closed, during

August, Dr. C. gave it a thorough revision, and, find ing that all its shelves were filled, it naturally occurred to ascertain by count what is its capacity in number of volumes. The count showed a round number of a hundred thousand and some odd hundreds of volumes. The first period of its history may be regarded as now complete. It is full, and it has reached a size which entitles it to rank with the first-class libraries of the country. Its history is a short one. It was not until January, 1849, that any considerable purchases of books were made for it; in February, 1854, it was opened for use, with a collection exceeding seventy thousand volumes, and before it has completed its second lustrum it has past a hundred thousand, which is its plenum without making alterations in its present internal arrangement. Its extent, numerically, would afford a very imperfect criterion of its value, for a library, of all things, is the last which can be estimated by statistical data. The most that can be claimed for it in this connection is, that it has reached a number with which it is possible for it to be well furnished in all its departments, and so it could not be while it fell much short of it. The doctor adds that it is not, and was never meant to be, a library for amusing and popular reading, and in that fact is embodied the answer to the two common corsplaints-that the books are not allowed to circulate, and that it is not kept open in the evening; to leave out of consideration, that to provide for the additional expenses of an evening use of the library would absorb certainly one-half of its fund for the purchase of new books, without accommodating a dozen individuals in the community. The plan on which it is now administered was deliberately adopted, and known to be in entire accordance with the intentions of the founder, its wisdom and expediency have been proved by experience, and if the library is to attain and preserve a high character, it will never be abandoned until the country abounds in similar collections. The invested fund yields about \$13,000 a year, of which \$7,000 goes for expenses, leaving \$6,000 for books. More than 20,000 volumes have been added since 1854, including some exceedingly rare books, such as Comte Bastard's Peintures et Ornemens des Manuscrits, depuiste IV. siècle, jusqu'à la XVI., in folio max., of which twenty numbers only have been published, at a cost of \$7,000, but now so much reduced in price as to cost the library but one thousand, Higden's Polychronicon, printed by Caxton, 1482, cost \$370; same book, printed by Wyukyn de Worde, 1495, \$150; Glanvilla de Proprietatibris Rerum, by the same, 1494, \$150; Perret Catacombes de Rome, \$500: Exploration scientifique d' Algerie \$300; Bolsserce Sammlung alt-niederdeutscher Ge malde, \$100; Gelpke-Ordres de Chevalerie, \$150; Wilkins's Edition of Spellmann's Concilia M. Britanniæ, The Committee on Construction, to whom the matter had, at a previous meeting, been referred, had
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The undersigned Building Committee, appointed by the Board to consider the wants and necessities of Quarantine, growing out of the recent arean outrages there, beg leave to report and recommend,

That, after sundry and thorough examinations of the Quarantine premises, with a view of supplying the present necessities and einergenees of the establishment, your Committee concluded to recommend the immediate construction or erection of six beick shuntles, covered with the second receivers and confined separately at the Station-Henry states and confined separately at the second states and confined separately at the states and confined doubles and ennobles the front of the Astor Library, is the gift of Mr. W. B. Astor. It is now nearly fluished, and in the course of the coming year its walls will be afficiently dry to make it safe for books. This new building is similar in most respects to the one now is use, with which it communicates through an arched passage in each story. The main entrance remains as at present, so that not only one main stairway is needed, which leaves the ground floor of the new building ontire. Upon this floor are two spacious and beautiful saloons, each 60 feet by 40, separated by a common entrance-hall. At the north end of this hall is a flight of iron stairs for occasional use, leading to the main library floor. At the other end it connects through a similar hall with the vestibale at the test of the marble stairway of the present library. The whole area between the alcoyes of the new library is unbroken from front to rear, by the stairs being made to come in on the side, which gives an ample readingroom 100 feet in length by 30 in width. The alcover around are intended for books, and are constructed on the same plan as in the present library-room, with corridors along the walls, and winding stairs ascending to the galleries and the second story. No particular appropriation has yet been made of the two saloons on the ground floor. Should they bereafter be used for books, the various apartments of the two libraries would easily contain 250,000 volumes, and with greater economy in the shelving not less than 300,000,

Mr. Nicholas Hill was heard in the Albany Bridge case vesterday, before Judges Nelson and Hall is the Common Pleas Court room. Gov. Seward will speak on the same side (in favor of the bridge) to-day. Mr. Reverdy Johnson will be heard on the other side to-morrow.

ALLEGED LIBEL.-Yesterday afternoon, Officer Mc-Cord, attached to the Lower Police Court, arrested Richard T. Hartshorne on a warrant issued by Justice Osbern, the prisoner being charged with libel by one Russell C. Root. It is alleged that Hartshorne libeled the character of Root by swearing to certain matter in a suit in which Koot was the plaintiff, and Hartshoras the defendant. The accused was held to answer in the

Reward is promised in our advertising columns for the detection of the robber of the Union Bank of Kin-

PICKPOCKETS ON THE CITY RAILROADS,-Yesterday morning Mr. Wm. H. Romer, while riding on one of the Second avenue cars, had his pocket picked of a valuable gold watch and chain. The thief escaped with his booty.

On Sanday evening Maria F. Devine of Brooklyn, while riding on one of the Eighth avenue cars, had her pocket picked of a port mounaic containing #16 and some papers of value. She described the persons who sat beside her to the police, whereupon Officers Jackson and Vredenbergh of the Sixteenth Precinct immediately repaired to a house in Ninth avenue and apprehended two well-known offenders named John Roberts and Mary E. Hollday on suspicion. Mrs. Devine identified the prisoners, and Ald. Starr, acting magistrate at the Jefferson Market Police Court, committed them for examination.

REAL ESTATE .- The following sales of real estate, at nuction, Sept. 20, 1858, by Adrian H. Muller: 2 story and attle frame-house and lot, n. s. #2d st., near3d-

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DROWNED.—The body of a man named Wm. Hill, lately living at No. 204 Hester street, was found in the East River, at Pier No. 28, and removed to the Bellevue Hospital dead-house. No marks of violence could be discovered, and it was supposed he had been accidentally drowned. Deceased was known to have been on a sproe some time since, and disappeared anddenly. Coroner Hills held an inquest. Hill was a native of Ireland, aged 19.

An unknown man, aged about 40, was seen to fall into the North River, at Pier No. 1, yesterday morning. The body was soon afterward recovered. It was dressed in an old black frock cont, with velvet collar, check vest, plaid pants and sewed boots. De-

collar, check vest, plaid pants and sewed boots. De-ceased was heard to inquire for the boats going to Monmouth, N. v. Coroner Hills held an inquest. Verdict, "Accidentally drowned."

A CARD FROM MR. WAKEMAN. To the Editor of The N. Y. Tribune.

Six: It may be inferred from the statements of E, S. Lathum in relation to the Niagara Falls Hydraulic Company that I had been associated in attempt to establish a corporation representing a large capital, when, in fact, it had none.

The following facts will clearly dispel any such suspiciou.

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In the early part of 1855, the law firm with which I was assoclated was employed to prepare the papers, examine the title tocertain lands, and generally attend to the formation of the Company above mentioned. During this time it was desired that we should accept of a small amount of stock as our compensa-tion, and they would see that the installments upon the subscrip-tion were paid. I accordingly subscribed for fifty shares, and a written undertaking expressive of this arrangement was given me, and is as follows:

me, and is as follows:

"Abram Wakeman having subscribed for fifty shares of the Capital Stock of the Ningara Falls Hydraulic Company, it is hereby expressly understood that he is to hold them as his own personal property free of charge, and is not to be called upon for the payment of the same, but that we will make such payment without recourse to him.

"Dated April 2d, 1858.

"STEPHEN M. ALLEN, "WALTER BRYANT."

I never had any personal knowledge of the financial affairs of the Company. Its Treasurer resided in Boston, as I was in-formed, and its chief financial business was transacted there. So far as the formation of the Company depended upon the per formune of our duties, it was legally organized. As ing in of the capital, or the manner of doing it, we had no per-sonal knowledge, directly or indirectly, and no suspicion but that everything had been done correctly. It was done without our knowledge or advice, and the alleged manner of doing it was first brought to my knowledge some three or four years after the

formation of the Company. ABRAM WAKEMAN Yours, &c., New-York, Sep. 29, 1858.

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